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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for a major modification of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit NV0023027 from the following applicant:

Rockview Farms, Inc.
7011 Stewart & Gray Road
Downey, CA 90241

The Permittee's Ponderosa Dairy is located in the Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada. Ponderosa is operated as Dairy 1 and Dairy 2 with Dairy 3 to be added as part of this major modification. Dairy 3 will increase the number of Ponderosa cows and calves by approximately 68%. Dairies 1 and 2 are approximately equal in size in terms of the number of cows housed and acres for confined feeding with a total area of 80 acres. Dairy #3 will add 60 acres to the confinement area.

Dairy 1 has an earthen lined pond system that consists of two lagoons and eight ponds. Dairy 2 has an earthen lined pond system that consists of three lagoons. The maximum 30-day average discharge to the two pond systems is 350,000 gallons per day (GPD). Dairy 3 is being designed to accommodate a maximum 30-day average discharge of 275,000 GPD. The Permittee uses a combination of evaporation and land application/reuse to dispose the liquid manure generated by the existing dairy facilities and has proposed similar utilization at Dairy 3. To reduce the nitrogen loading on the reuse fields, the ponds are aerated. To ensure that groundwater is not degraded, the Permittee is being given the option of lining the lagoons and ponds or installing

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monitoring wells at each pond system. The Permittee is allowed to discharge to surface waters, the Amargosa River, only during storms that exceed the 24-hour, 25-year storm event or as a result of a series of chronic rainfall events.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the modified permit to discharge, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of newspaper publication, closing at 5:00 P.M. December 7, 2001, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
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The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-4670, extension 3153 or at bholmgre@govmail.state.nv.us.

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